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In 1977, Ronald J. Rice was an officer and instructor for the Anchorage Police Department. He recognized a need to keep Alaska law enforcement officers better informed on the complexities and changes taking place in constitutional law, and thus began writing and distributing Legal Bulletins consisting of a brief synopsis of selected United States Supreme Court and Alaska Court case opinions. His wife, Mary, assisted in the editing and typing of these bulletins throughout the years and in 1982 was recognized for "her dedicated service to police officers of the state." Mary lost her life in October 2008 to breast cancer and she is greatly missed. Mary was the driving force behind the organization of this project; her great enthusiasm and commitment is unsurpassed. Ron and Mary's dedication to this project these past 32 years brought about an ever-increasing circulation of the bulletins and, henceforth, the publication of this manual.

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